

Minutes of the Work Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held October 7, 2015 at the Courthouse Building, Price, Utah, commencing at 2:40 p.m.

Those present: Jake Mellor, Commission Chair
Jae Potter, Commissioner
Casey Hopes, Commissioner

Also present: Seth Oveson, Clerk/Auditor
Lori Perez, Deputy Clerk
Christian Bryner, Attorney
Tami Ursenbach, Economic Development
Barry Horsley, Communications
Don Johnston, Safety

Clerk's Certificate of Compliance with Open Meeting Law was filed.

Commissioner Mellor welcomed everyone.

1) Discussion on Star Point Sub-Station and Generators

Barry said currently Star Point only supports the Star Point Communication Site and the Anadarko building. It is owned by Carbon County. There are a number of issues with this substation. The biggest and most immediate concern is the number of safety hazards. Don Johnston has visited the site and gone over a number of things with Rocky Mountain Power, who are the electrical contractors, and assessed the situation. Don has preliminary numbers on what in-depth assessments need to be done including oil tests on the transformers, structures torn down and replaced, ground cover has grown underneath the transformers and needs to be taken out and rock put in.

Don has a list of requirements and plans can be made after further investigation. Barry said this initial cost is to see how bad of shape the site is in. Another issue is it is a three phase substation supporting a single phase building; therefore the transfer of power is inefficient. Barry has been told by contractors that by redoing the transformer, power would be saved.

Barry said over the last year six to eight fuses have blown. The Communications Department is looking for direction from the Commissioners to see what can be done.

Commissioner Mellor asked about the costs. Don explained that the cost would be to address the bare necessities. By law you are required to have four inches of gravel on the bottom to insulate people from the grounding system buried in the ground. Currently there is none. There is a waterway that comes through the substation. The testing would identify the general condition of the equipment. When the power is turned off more issues can be addressed and more testing done. This will indicate the condition of the grounding circuit and what can be done to update the transformer. This is a preliminary review. Don would like to make the site safe for inspection, have the inspection done and see what the professionals recommend.

Barry said the cost doubles in price during the months of December and January. The weather puts strain on the substation. The power is assessed by demand and Rocky Mountain checks the meter every ten minutes. Don said the tests may fix some of the problems. He explained the requirements.

Barry explained that the initial upkeep would take two days and the substation would be shut down. Our building will be fine on generator for two days and we would need to coordinate with Anadarko in order to keep them operating.

Commissioner Potter said we would need to work out details listing times and scheduling with the power company. Commissioner Potter asked that Don and Barry sit down with Seth and find funding for this project.

Barry would like to move forward with the generators and establishing a maintenance program with the Road Shop for the communication sites. They have done a fluids test on the generator at Ford Ridge. The generator is a ticking time bomb. The amount of metals and contamination in the fluids is high and it will fail. This generator is critical and supplies power for television for Southeastern Utah and supplies radio communications. It is not uncommon for this generator to run two weeks at a time during the winter months as lines go down.

Commissioner Mellor asked for cost estimates on that generator. Barry has done research and in talking with Dan a 35 kw propane generator would cost an estimate of \$20,000 to \$25,000 for purchase and installation.

The Commissioners asked about the cost, what the oil tests show, when the last maintenance was done, lack of record keeping in the past, monitoring when the generator runs, further testing and the possibility of rebuilding the generator.

Commissioner Hopes said another option is the 35 kw generator at the gun range that is occasionally used as back up for Cowboy Town. It may have been run for 50 hours.

Commissioner Potter would like this direction taken. Commissioner Mellor would like to get estimates anyway. Commissioner Hopes would like to see the costs for a new generator, the cost for a rebuild and the cost for relocation. The Road Shop could do the relocation with the exception of connecting to the power.

Commissioner Hopes asked that the information be compiled and given to the Commissioners. This would include a new cost, a rebuilt cost and relocation costs.

2) Discussion concerning Airport Master Plan - Jviation

Kirt Nielson with Jviation introduced Mel Leseburg and Steve Berardo. They are here to discuss the Airport Master Plan.

Steve Berardo presented and said more information will be given in the public hearing. The County is required by the FAA to keep a master plan up to date because of the funding they provide. While discussing the master plan they put together goals and objectives in addition to the FAA's specific issues and what the master plan needs to address. Including the role of the airport, types of traffic operating there, facility requirements, financial operations and how the economic development of the County plays into improving operations at the airport, and is there an opportunity for further development.

A Master Plan was completed in 2002-2004 and Jviation is building on that information. There is a description and process that they follow looking ahead twenty years. They are currently in the first stage of gathering information about the airport. They have met with Redtail Aviation and will be evaluating and making recommendation to the Commission.

The FAA has funded a large part of this study and they will be reviewing the material as it is being produced and making comments. Steve presented a power point presentation.

The Master Plan looks at short term, medium term and long term plans and how that works with the County's goals. The FAA will make sure it is in compliance and that the Airport layout plan is comprehensive.

Steve covered what the FAA emphasizes including layout plan, capital improvement program, mapping in two phases and GIS. This project will take ten months and has a number of phases.

There are many interested parties in the airport including the sponsors, the State, the FAA, tenants and users. The Master Plan has to balance all of these perspectives going forward.

Jviation has visited the airport. It is in excellent condition and is a fine facility. They look at the planes using the airport now and in the future, how the business community uses the airport, impacts on the financial future, and the impact on the facility in the future, and is it meeting demands. Larger planes can be accommodated at the airport, which is good.

Steve talked about improvements the County has made to the airport, comparison to other airports in the State, takeoffs and landings are not counted because there is no control tower, looked at how many airplanes are based here, hangar space and tie downs and traffic trends.

They evaluated non-stop flights into the County. Based on FAA records, it shows declining activity, this is being evaluated. The airport is closely tied to local industries, employment, population, oil and gas industry, raising energy prices, coal prices, raising costs of new aircraft and declining pilot population.

Steve reviewed the data gathered so far, what is being analyzed and the local and national trends. They are looking forward in coming back and sharing more of the information as it is completed.

Commissioner Potter said he appreciates the work going on and expect the projections to show what we need to plan for.

Commissioner Potter made motion to adjourn, Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting ended at 3:23 p.m.

ATTEST:


Seth Oveson, County Clerk/Auditor



